IPLUMB IS DEAD

Apoplexy Carries Off One of the Best Known Men in the Land.

FAMOUS STATESMAN

Particulars of the Illness and Death of th. Noted Kansas Republican.

Conching and Pathetic Scene in the Death Chamber - In His Dying De lirium He Gasped "Oh, God, My Head "-Then Came the Palor of Death and All Was Over-Harvested in the Fullness of Honors-A Brief Sketch of His Public Services-Rising from the Printer's Case to the Dignity of a

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. - Senato. Preston B. Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy yesterday. His death occurred in the unpretentious threestory brick boarding house 610 Fourteenth street, in this city, within . stone's throw of the Ebbitt House, Riggs House and Willard's hotel, in which convenient location he has for th. last five or six seasions taken up his quarters during the sessions of congress.

In a very short space of time the news spread over the city and the expressions of regret of regret were universal and not con fined to any political party. Vice Presi-dent Morton, accompanied by Mrs. Cameron, wife of Senator Don Cameron,



of Pennsylvania, was one of the earliest callers and placed his services at the dis posal of the friends of the dead senator. Senator Peffer, Mr. Plumb's alliance in attend hours, answering questions and rendering any assistance in his power. During the afternoon nearly every senator in town either called in person or sent messages of condolence, and some of the most earnestly expressed of the latter came from senators on the Demo cratic side, by all of whom the Kansas statesman was respected. Mr. Charles B. Reade, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate, took charge of the remain and caused telegrams to be sent to the absent wife and children of the dead

senator. Preliminary Symptoms of the Disease. Mr. Plumb had been ailing more or less ever since the close of his herculean labors in the last campaign in his state which resulted so satisfactorily to himself and his party. He was at all times an indefatigable worker, but in this campaign he outdid himself. On his return to Washington he attempted to throw into his senatorial duties his accustomed ardor, but complained that he could not concentrate his faculties with his accustomed readiness. He felt dazed and uncertain both mentally and physically. Preliminary symptoms of the disease which finally carried him off with such startling rapidity were not wanting. For weeks past, when he had occasion to write a letter personally, the lines wandered up and down the page in the most irregular manner greatly differing from his usual precise bankers' chirography, and he found difficulty even in signing with regularity those letters which his secretary pre-pared for him. On the street he lost himself occasionally. Several days ago, just after the opening of the senate, walking with Colonel E. C. Manning, his frequent companion, he stopped a Manning was about to leave him and said: "Don't go, Manning; I want you to stay by me; I don't know exactly where I am." He thought that the might arise from some impair ment of his vision, and after the ad-journment of the senate on Thursday last went to Philadelphia, where hi eldest son is under treatment for de fective eyesight, to take advice in his The eminent medical men own case. he consulted told him frankly that unless he gave himself an immediate rest and exercised the greatest care soften ing of the brain might result.

The Terrible Warning.

With this warning ringing in his ears he returned to Washington with a determination that after the senate ad-journed for the holidays he would re-turn to Philadelphia and put himself under the care of Dr. Pepper for a pro-longed course of treatment. He even mentioned to friends that he might re-turn to Philadelphia without waiting the adjournment of the senate. He came back by the 6 o'clock train and went to Chamberlin's well-known res-taurant for dinner. He took his seat at one of the small tables in the rear of the public dining room, alone. Senator Plumb was a remarkably abstemious man in his habits, and he did not depart rom his usual custom on this occasio He partook of no wine or other stimu lant. Ex-Senator Mahone, of Virginia; Mr. Frank Hatton, of the Washington Post, Senator Squire and his private ecretary, were at adjoining tables. They all entered into conversation with Mr. Plumb, but in the midst of it the Kansas senator stopped and drew out a bottle of medicine, which he shook up and took a dose of, remarking, with an apology for his doing so that he was feeling quite sick and feared he was going to be laid up with the grip. He would not even yet admit the grave brain trouble of which he had been

warned The End Came Suddenly at Last. From Chamberlins he went home to his somewhat dismal room, and went to bed. About 2 o'clock in the morning

he aroused his landlord, Mr. Jennings, saying he felt really ill, and asked him to send for a doctor. Dr. Philip S. Wales, ex-surgeon general of the navy, was summoned and remained in charge of the case until the end. Hypodermic injections were administered and about 7 o'clock in the morning the senator became unconscious and continued in a state of coma with scarcely any in-termission until his death. Just before he dozed off, he raised his hand to the back of his head, where he had all along complained of feeling intense pain, and exclaimed, "Oh. God; my head." Shortly after 11 a. m. he commenced to breathe stertorously and Mr. Jennings, who was watching by his bedside with the senator's secretary, became alarmed and sent for the doctor. When Dr. Wales arrived the senator's face had turned purple and it was apparent that apoplexy had supervened. The surgeon called for stimulants and Mr. Jennings ran across to a neighboring drug store and seized some spirits with which he immediately returned. "It is too late" said Surgeon Wales, and almost immediately afterwards the senator ex-

No later than Thursday last Senator Plumb introduced a carefully prepared bill to amend the practice in the court of claims and six other measures.

The Funeral Arrangements. Vice President Morton, Senator Man-derson and Secretary McCook, of the senate, baye completed the arrange-ments for the funeral of Senator Plumis. The body of the late senator will be taken from his apartments under escort of the Capitol police to the marble room of the senate at 10 o'clock today. At a quarter past 1 the body will be removed to the senate chamber, where the funeral services will be conducted fifteen minutes later by Rev. J. G. Butler, chaplain of the senate. At 2:30 the body will be taken to the Baltimore and Potomac railroad depot, accompanied by the congressional committee, the president, the cabinet, the chief justice and justices of the supreme court, members of the house, members of the diplomatic corps and the friends of the late senator in vited to the senate gallery. The body, accompanied by the congressional committee, will be taken by the Pennsylvania and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroads to Emporia, Kan. The car in which the remains will be conveyed will be attached to the "Columbian express," which leaves Washington at 3:30 and will reach Emporia on the evening place at 2 o'clock on the 24th.

His Family Hear the Sad News.

Within a very short period, within the remains were embalmed by Indertaker Wright, and were laid out in the back parlor bedroom in which the senator died, where they were viewed by many friends. The face presented a singularly placid and life-like appearance. Senator Plumb's private secretary telegraphed the president of the Emporia National bank, of Kansas, in which Mr. Plumb was a director, and eft to him the task of communicating

the sad news to the family. The senator leaves two unmarried daughters, who are now living with their widowed mother at his late home in Emporia, Kan.; a san, 22 years of now under treatment for his eyesight in Philadelphia, and a boy of 12 and a girl of 14 at school in Pennsyl-

Brief Sketch of Bis Career.

Born in Ohio, like so many other distinguished men, in 1837, he was 54 years of age. Before he became a lawyer and a banker he worked at the case as a practical printer. He moved to Kansas in 1856 and participated in much of the early exciting history of that state. Unlike most senators of long service he did not undergo a previous apprenticeship in the lower house of congress, but came straight to the senate in 1877. He had previously, however, served in many important positions in the Kansas legislature, closing his local career there as speaker. During the war he fought his way up from a second lieutenancy to the lieutenant colonelship of the Elev-

enth Kansas infantry.
Senator Plumb had served fourteen years in the senate, and two years ago was re-elected for a term which would have expired in 1895. He was one of the best known men in congress. His tall, athletic form, his swinging western gait, his breezy method of speaking, and his rugged independence and orighis breezy method of speaking. inality of thought and action made him a notable man in the senate, and he was a power on all questions to which he gave his mind. He was an omnivorous reader and an untiring worker. In the few days that the present congress has been in session he had submitted more than thirty bills of a more or less public embracing almost everything character. of interest to his constituents from free silver coinage upwards and down.

HER GREATEST MAN.

Kansas People Discuss the Question of What Will Follow Plumb's Death.

TOPEKA, Dec. 21.—The news of the leath of Senator Plumb was a great shock to his friends in Kansas. No one knew that he had been ailing. It is not an aggregation to say that Senator Plumb was one of the most popular men in Kansas. He was the ideal of his own party and regarded by his political opponents with great respect. The Kan-sas law provides in the event of the death of a senator the vacancy is to be filled by the governor's appointment until the next meeting of the legislature. The next legislature does not meet until a year from now. Governor Humphreys was seen. He had already been notified of the senator's death by a private dispatch. He was greatly shocked at the news, so much so that he had given no thought as to the senator's successor. There has been but one name mentioned thus far for the vacancy and that is ex-Senator Ingalls, In fact he is the only one thought of. The United Press correspondent interviewed the leading state officials and those who would ex-press any opinion at all favored Ingalls, claiming that his defeat by Peffer was both an accident and a misfortune and they knew of no one who can fill Plumb's place with as much satisfaction as the ex-senator.

Important Railroad Change Toledo, Dec. 23.—The Cincinnati, Jackson and Mackinaw railroad was Jackson and Mackinaw railr oad was sold at master's sale yesterday by Master B. F. Wade. The road was bid in by Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll for J. Kennedy Todd, of the reconstruction committee of New York City, whose attorney Colonel Ingersoll is. The price paid was \$150,000, and \$15,000 was paid This was the second time this down. This was the second road has been offered for sale.

A CLOSE STATE SECRET.

BLAINE IS AT WORK ON AN IMPORT-ANT DOCUMENT.

Congress Will Likely Get Some Inside Information on the Dispute Between Chili and This Country Before it Ad-Journs for the Holidays.

Washington, Dec. 22,-The possibility of some important communication on the Chilian question being addressed to congress either today or tomorrow, when both houses, according to programme, intended simply to meet for the purpose of adjourning for the Christmas season, is a subject of earnest speculation. It is known that Secretary Blaine, both before and subsequent to the Plumb obsequies, was closely engaged with his own stenographer at his residence, and even to visitors calling for official consideration, sent word that he was too much engaged to see any one, and must, therefore, be excused.

A Close Secret.

Not the slightest intimation as to whether or not an important message contemplated can be obtained. It is in the nature of things that such a movement, if under consideration, would be kept the closest of state secrets.

As the house will not be in session today, it is likely that the first inkling of the likelihood of any such contingency may be given to the senate in the shape of an intimation to be laid before that body by President pro tem Manderson or Senator Sherman, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, in executive session. It is scarcely likely that congress will be permitted to adjourn for two weeks without receiving some preliminary hints that correspondence involving the issues of peace or war may soon be ready for its consideration, that is to say, if there are any existing Chilian complications of so serious character as rumors indicate.

It is impossible to get confirmation or emphatic denial of the report that Chilians surrounded the American legation at Santiago and threatened to blow it up, because of the refugees being pro-

Massing the Navy.

However; it is to be noticed that the massing of cruisers in Chilian waters goes on. Usually one United States naval vessel in Chilian waters is considered sufficient to protect American interests. Now there are the Yorktown. at Valparaiso; the Boston, within four days' sail at Valparaiso; the Chicago, Atlanta and Bennington, nearing Montevideo and within a o weeks sail of Chili; the Charleston, detained at Honolulu, ready to sail for Chili; the San Francisco, under orders to sail San Francisco, under orders to sail down the Pacific coast; the Thetiff off the Mexican coast, and still heading south, and the Ranger and Adams, the repairs on which have been rushed, nearly ready to put to sea from the navy yard. Diplo-Mare Island, Cal. mats and naval officers here are asking what all this means.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

An Impressive Gathering in the Senate Chamber.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The service over the body of the late Senator Plumb at the Capitol yesterday were simple and impressive. The bopy was con veyed unostentatiously to the marble room of the senate and was guarded there by Capitol police until shortly before 1:30 p. m., when it was conveyed to the senate chamber. The face wa not uncovered during that time, and few people were admitted. The casket was covered with flowers. The silver plate on the lid was inscribed: B. Plumb, Born Oct. 12, 1837, Died

Dec, 20, 1891." The senate met at noon. The seat o the late senator was draped in black, and the chaplain in his prayer referred feelingly to the death of the senator from Kansas. Mr. Peffer announced the death of his colleague, and spoke briefly in eulogy of the deceased. He Mr. Peffer announced asked the adoption of resolutions, which were read, expressing the grief of the senate, and appointing a committee to act with the house committee in arranging the funeral and accompanying the

After the burial service had been read and benediction pronounced, the vice president committed the body to the sergeant-at-arms and the committee who followed the casket as it was borne out of the chamber, the president and distinguished assemblage remaining standing meanwhile. The senate ther dispersed, and the chamber was soon

IT'S ONLY A GUESS

More About the Make-Up of the Hous Committees-The List Almost Ready. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-It is stated that Speaker Crisp has completed his make-up of the committee on elections and that its membership, increases under the recent change of rules to fit teen, will be as follows: O'Ferrall of Virginia, chairman; Moore of Texas, Jason Brown of Indiana, Cobb of Alabama, Lockwood of New York, John stone of South Carolina, Gillespie of Pennsylvania, Ellis of Kentucky, Law son of Georgia, Democrats; Haugen of Wisconsin, Johnson of Indiana, Reyburn of Pennsylvania, A. Taylor of Tennes-see, Caldwell of Ohio, and Clark of Wyoming, Republicans—nine to six. The other two leading committees, ways and means and appropriations, though complete as to their leading members on both sides, are liable to be changed in

Decision in the Electrocation Cases.

minor details.

constitutional.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Chief Justice Fuller announced in the United States supreme court yesterday that the court had affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of Charles McElvaine, convicted of the murder of the Brook-lyn grocer, Lucca, and Nicola Trezza, also convicted of murder. Their ap-peals to the United States supreme court did not attack the legality of punishment of death by means of electricity, the court in the Jugiro and other murder cases having settled that ques-tion definitely, but they maintained that the provisions for solitary confinement and other features of the law were un-

A Thousand Massacred.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—The Catholic Mission has Chinese advices that 1,000 native Christians were massacred dur-ing the recent disturbances in Northern China. The Belgians all escaped. TRAMPS FORM A TRUST.

Branches in Many Southwestern Cities for Systematic Begging.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 22.-A remark able organization of trumps and dead beats has been unearthed in this city. The tramps and thieves of the southwes have organized themselves into a secret society knows as "Knights of the Road. They have a regular established circuit extending from Northern Texas through Oklahoma and Kansas into Missouri. One man is located at each town, where he maintains a lodging in some old house which they rent cheap. One of their schemes for raising money is to get a boy and blister his hand with fly powders until the back is puffed u then send him out to beg from peoplabout town. Men and boys are sen out on crutches with their arms is splints and in other shapes calculate to excite sympathy, and the money ob tained from the gullible citizens go into the general fund. The lodging als serves as a good hiding place for stoler

Lots of Successors Looming Up.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.-Governo Humphrey arrived at Topeka last night to find several delegations waiting to urge a successor to Senator Plumb Hotel corridors, the state house and other public places have been alive with politicians discussing the possible suc-cessor. Governor Humphrey said: "I consider it very bad taste for friends of Senator Plumb to be discussing his suc cessor before his burial."

The funeral train will arrive at To peka at noon Wednesday, where the re mains will lie in state during the after Then they will be conveyed to Emporia for interment.

Good Speakers for a Farmers' Institute Canonsburg, Pa., Dec. 22,-The com mittee of arrangements who have the making of the programme for the coming Farmers' institute to be held in thi place Dec. 30 and 31, met here yesterday and completed their labors. In addition to the local speakers the services of emi nent agriculturists from abroad hav been secured. Among the number are Professor L. N. Bonham, secretary state board of agriculture. Columbus, O. A. T. McKelvey, St. Clairsville, O. Professor Edward Nelson, president of the Wesleyan university, Delaware, O Everything points to a very successful

Another Great Gasser in Indiana. Muncie, Ind., Dec. 22.—The largest natural gas well of the state was drilled in west of this city Saturday. The ca-pacity of the well is estimated at 15. 000,000 cubic feet, and the pressure 40 pounds to the square inch. The well was piped and connection made with the main line, but when the gas was turned on from the well the force was so great as to twist a steel pipe two inches in diameter. Twenty feet o pipe was blown out of the ground. This moth well is within a few feet another that has a capacity of 2,000,000 feet per day.

Found an Indian Sepulchre. Boston, Dec. 22.—An Indian sep-ulchre has been opened on Fish Marsh in Saugus. The tomb was about seven feet below the surface and it contained the skeleton of a man of enormous pro portions, which crumbled to dust up exposure to the air. The body buried in a sitting posture, facing east. Beside the skeleton was found pipe, a tomahawk blade and arrow head, an axe and a cylinder shaped stone Near the grave an underground passage was discovered. Excavations are being made for the purpose of exploring the passage. The discoveries were made by workmen who were excavating for building purposes.

Stole the Preacher's Rig.

MILLERSBURG, O., Dec. 22.-A fee days ago, during services at the Meth-odist church, five miles west of town the minister's fine horse and carriage were taken from the church grounds Search was immediately made for th missing property, and when found was in the possession of a young girl named Daisy Uhl, aged 15 years, a daughter of J. T. Uhl, living a mile or so from the church. She does not give much of an explanation of the affair The matter has raised a breeze among the brethren in the church, but the girl has not been arrested. Some are charitable enough to declare she is insane.

Death for Two.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 22.—Passenger train No. 8, on the Lehigh Valley railroad, ran into a landslide at Rock port. Michael Lavelle, an engineer or the Central railroad, of New Jersey who was riding in the cab, was killed The engineer in charge of the train es caped. George Weaver, his fireman, was fatally injured. Weaver lives in Wilkesbarre. The passengers badly shaken up and some slightly The train was running at the rate of thirty-five miles per hour at the time of the accident. All traffic was de layed by the wreck.

Cotton Growers Getting Together. MEMPHIS, Dec. 22.—Farmers and stat commissioners of agriculture from five states are in session here, considering the low price of cotton. A movemen is on foot to organize throughout the south and to reduce the acreage. An other meeting will be held in January and delegates from every southern state will be held here in January and dele gates from every southern state will be present. The present prices, it is claimed, are the lowest in the history of cotton, and unless the yield is reduced disaster will follow.

Do Brutes Keep Sunday?

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the Illinois Swine Breeders association a resolution was adopted setting forth that the opening of the World's fair on Sunday "would deprive the animals on exhibition of the which is in accordance with the laws of nature and God's plan in the constitu tion of the Sabbath, and which is se much needed in order that they may appear at their best on the remaining six days," and petitioning the authori ties to close the exposition on Sunday.

Ex-Doorkeeper Adams Watched.

Washington, Dec. 22. — Ex-Doorkeeper Adams was the recipient of an elegant and valuable gold watch, presented to him by his old employes of the last house. The formal presentation was made at the Capitol in the presence of the outgoing force of the doorkeeper's department by Mr. T. H. McKee, in a neat speech, to which Mr. Adams responded happily. Ex-Doorkeeper Adams Watched.

AN AWFUL DISASTER.

SCORES OF LABORERS SMOTHERED TO DEATH BY A SNOWFALL.

Fifteen of the Poor Fellows Dug Out by Reach Some of the Unfortunates -- A Steamer Burned in Mid-Ocean.

Rome, Dec. 23.-A fearful snow storm in the Appenines overwhelmed 200 laborers who were returning by the railway to Sulomna, in Abruzza, from Isernia, on the western slope of the mountains. The storm came with such swiftness and fury as to put a stop to all travel, and of the 200 a large number were buried beneath a tremendous snowfall. It is believed that scores have perished. The relief party, which hastened to the scene upon receipt of the news as the storm abated, had already at last accounts recovered the bodies of fifteen dead and were still actively pursuing the search for the remainder. Such an overwhelming and destructive storm has not been witnessed for years in that vicinity.

BURNED AT SEA.

The Guion Line Steamer Abyssinia Destroyed-No Lives Lost.

LONDON, Dec. 23. - The steamship Abyssinia, of the Guiou line, has been burned at sea. There was no loss of life, according to the reports received here. The North German Lloyd steamer Spree, Captain Willigerod, which left New York Dec. 13 for Bremen, passed the Scilly islands yesterday, and signalled that the steamship Abyssinia which sailed from New York on the 13th inst., under command of Capt. Murray bound for Liverpool, had been burned a sea in latitude 49 north, longitude 29 west. The Spree signaled also that al on board the burned steamship were saved. The date of the burning of the Abyssinia, however, was not signaled Although the Spree did not report that the Abyssinia's passengers and crew were on board of her, it is supposed that such was the case. The burned vessel was an iron, bark-rigged, screw steamer, of 2.346 tons net and 3.651 tons gross. She was built at Govan, Scot land, in 1870, was 363 feet long by 42 feet 7 inches beam and 34 feet depth of hold, and had compound engines of 500-horse power.

BOWSER WILL GET A PARDON. Another Development in the Famous Ga Well Riot Case.

Harrisburg, Dec. 23.—The board of pardons has recommended the pardor of Absalom Bowser, sentenced in Alle they expect to run up their weight to gheny county for the killing of Ohadiah 750. Such fat hogs are intended, gener-Haymaker to ten years in the peniten tiary. Similar action was taken in the cases of Sherman and Allen Deets, con victed of larceny, and Charles H. Daniel and Michael J. Beahan, of McKean, con victed of voluntary manslaughter. cases of Andrew Soth and Michael Sabol, the Braddock murderers, who want their death sentences commuted to imprisonment for life, were held unde advisement. The board refused to recommend the pardon of William B Bradley, who, as an employe of the Philadelphia Press, embezzled a large amount of money. Similar action wa taken in the following cases: Kate Cor dell, receiving stolen goods. Allegheny William Connell and Thomas Bateman erson, Blair: Thomas O'Brien, keeping disorderly house, Allegheny.

The recommendation of a pardon for Absalom Bowser recalls the tragedy is which Obadiah Haymaker lost his life Milton Weston was also convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary, but wa pardoned after serving a short time. Bowser was in command of Weston's forces, which had a battle with th Haymaker forces over the possession of one of the original gas wells in the Murraysville district, and in which Haymaker was killed. The trials and convictions took place in 1884.

HOW SHIELDS WAS TREATED. Brutally Beaten by Chilian Police Whe

He Said He Was an American.

San Francisco, Dec. 23. - Sailo Patrick Shields, who was maltreated in Valparaiso by the Chilians, arrived her on the steamship Keeweena yesterday He says that while ashore at Valparais he with a companion was arrested b the police. He was not treated bad! until it was learned that he was a American. He said when this fact be came known he was cruelly beaten He broke away from his captors and fled, but was pursued by a mounte officer, who rode him down and bea him into insensibility. Without tria he was placed upon the police boat Through the intercession of the Amer ican consul he was released and inden nity promised him. The Chilian of cials said it would be forwarded to Sar Diego, but none has arrived. The offi cers of the steamship report no new out rages, but say that the feeling against the Americans is intense.

An Illinois Family Sadly Stricken. DEER CREEK, Ills., Dec. 23.—Diph theria is raging in this community. The family of James Harris a week ago con

sisted of himself, his wife and six children. Five of the children, the eldest young lady of 19, who was engaged t have been married Christmas, are dea and the surviving child, a boy of 17, i at death's door. The father and mothe are expected to recover.

Talk of Forming a Central Ball League Indianapolis, Dec. 23.-A movement is on root here looking to the organization of a central ball league, to includ Columbus, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Paul Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City and this city. If the league is organized the assurance is given that it will have the pick of the surplus National leagu players. President Brush is encourage ing the movement.

Another Crank Caged. VINTON, Ia., Dec. 23.-A crazy man named Dan Bales, living here, demand ed \$10,000 from C. C. Griffin, a rich physician, threatening if refused to take his life. The police were notified Bales was arrested and taken to the insane asylum at Independence,

THE CLEVELAND DISASTER.

PereMurquetteOfficials Leave the State to Save the Road from Paying Damages. TOLEDO, Dec. 23 .- The recent disaster in the Lake Shore yards in this city in which ten persons were cooked to death, the Band of Rescuers-Impossible to is the cause of a bitter war between the Lake Shore and the Flint and Pere Marquette roads. The decision of the coroner in the case of the wreck has not yet been made, but suits aggregating \$5,000 were commenced Saturday against the two roads by survivors who were injured. Service was made upon the Lake Shore yesterday, but not a Flint and Pere Marquette official or em ploye could be found in the state when the sheriff tried to serve summons on that road. It seems that every Flint and Pere Marquette ticket seller, freight passenger engineer, conductor other employe living in Toledo or Ohio was summarily discharged Not a soul in the state Not a soul in the state can be found who has the slightest connection with the road. It has abandoned its vast business interests here and will make its future terminals Monroe and Detroit. It turned an average of 26,000 cars of freight per year over to the Lake Shore, which will now go to the Michigan Central. This is ostensi bly because the Flint and Pere Marquette would not sign an agreement for using the Lake Shore tracks, which was declined by President Newell, and on which he insisted after the accident occurred. The roads have been running

on a verbal agreement for twelve years and the great haste of the Pere Mar

quarter of a million dollars i to injured passengers and relatives of the ten dead ones.

Fat Porkers Furnish Fun for Many Penn sylvania Farmers.

quette people to leave the state is to save that road from paying probably a

HOG GUESSING MATCHES.

Reading, Dec. 23.—One of the princi pal occupations of the people in the country districts throughout this see tion at present is the annual butchering. and among the leading topics of discussion at these meetings is the relative weight of the hogs which the farmers kill. An annual butchering on a large farm is often attended by a great crowof neighbors and friends, who specu late on the weight of the porkers which fall victims to the butchers. farmer aims to raise the heaviest hogs and, as corn was cheap this year, a great deal of rivalry sprang up in this respect, but it is only when a hog weighs 500 pounds and over that it is considered worth while mentioning. Farmers are now sending in some their figures. A number of townships report hogs weighing from 500 to 60 farmers are still fattening hogs, which they say now weigh 550 for rafiling matches. butcherings, "guessing boxes" opened on the weight of the bog. Bre party is appointed to take the guess, and any person is allowed to put into the boxes as many guesses as he pleases, at 10 cents each. Frequently the box con tains \$15, \$35 and even \$40, and this all goes to the person who has guessed near-est the weight of the hog.

A Historic Residence CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 23.-The commodious residence of John C. Crane. at Albrightsville, Preston county, was destroyed by fire together with all its contents except a parlor organ and a sewing machine. Loss about \$5,000; no insurance. The origin of the fire is un-known. The house was a historic one, having been built as an extension of a log cabin erected 115 years ago by John Bishop a revolutionary pioneer. Crane, who is a descendant of Bishop, is one of the wealthiest and most pro gressive farmers in his county and had spent a large sum in beautifying the grounds surrounding his historic home.

Deacon Cook's Will.

Boston, Dec. 23.—The will of Deacon Josiah W. Cook, of Cambridge, be-queathes various sums to half a dozen relatives, some \$3,000 to local charities and the remainder to be divided equally among the following institutions: tist Home Missionary society, Atlanta Baptist seminary, of Atlanta; Clinton college, Kentucky; Worcester academy, Hebrew academy and Cambridge hos-The estate is valued at about \$175,000.

Governor Jones Wins in Birminghan BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 23.-The re sult of the Democratic primary for the election of 26 delegates to the next state convention was a victory for Govern-Jones, who will get about 15 of them 1 11 for Captain R. F. Kolb, Alliance candidate. All passed off quietly. The miners turned over to Jones and gave

A Carload of American Tin.

him the victory.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 23.—The first full carload of American tin ever produced from an American tin mine received from the Tenescal mines. shipment consisted of over 26,000 pounof tin. The output of the Tenesco mines is being rapidly increased, and American tin will be regularly put or the market in carloads.

Aid for Russian Famine Sufferers. DES MOINES, Dec. 23. - Govern Horace Boies has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Iowa for con tributions for the relief of Russian famine sufferers. A committee. which H. C. Wheeler, late candida: for governor is a member, was appointed to have charge of the matter.

A Million Pounds of Flour for Russia. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—The mills of Buffalo contributed 100,000 pounds o flour to The Northwestern Miller's cars for the peasants of Russia. The total amount subscribed to this fund by millers of the United States up to date exceeds 1,000,000 pounds.

Sensation in a Colored Church. CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23.-An officer entered a colored Baptist church here for the purpose of arresting a col

ored man named Evans. The latter was in the church with his sweetheart and when he saw the officer coming he ran to the altar steps and drew a razor When the officer came within reach he sprang upon him and cut him severely The negro then fled from the church the officer firing at him as he ran. first shot brought him to his knees, but he struggled to his feet and escaped. The greatest excitement prevailed, but the minister, who was in the middle of his sermon when the officer appeared, continued right along as if nothing had

\$1.00 PER YEAR. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

SPEAKER CRISP HAS HIS

NEARLY MADE UP. Congressman Dalzell Gets a Good Com-

mittee Place-A New Postmaster for Beaver-The Elkins Appointment Comfirmed by the Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 .- It is now pretty well established that Congress

man Dalzell will go on the ways and means committee as the third Republican, following Reed and Burrows. Mr. Dalzell served on the elections committee with Mr. Crisp in two congresses, and they became warm friends, which has resulted in the Pittsburg congressman securing this important committee position.

The Pennsylvania Democrats are faring well. Mr. Mutchler will go on the appropriations committee, a place equivalent to a chairmanship, while Mr. Beltzhoover will be made chairman of the war claims committee, and Mr. Reilly will be given the chairmanshin of the committee on mines and mining.

A Troublesome Question.

There are still several perplexing problems to solve, notably the personnel of the committee on invalid pensions. Several names have been suggested to the speaker for this chairmanship, but the trouble has been to find a member in whom the soldiers will have implicit confidence, and who will at the same time have sufficient moral courage to withstand all general pension bills that will be poured into congress during this session. It is a certainty that the chairmanship of this committee has not well been filled, and its membership will be about the last to be completed out of the entire list.

WORK OF THE SENATE.

The Recess Resolutions Adopted, and the

Elkins Appointment Confirmed. Washington, Dec. 23.—In the senate, among the papers presented and referred, were resolutions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, adopted at St. Paul (presented by Mr. Manderson), urging the comple-tion at the earliest moment practicable of a "navy sufficient in ships and armament to command and enforce the respect due the flag of this nation the world over."

A number of bills of only local importance were then introduced. A comtransmitting awards in certain French spoliation claims cases, was presented. and gave rise to discussion as to what committee it should be referred, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Cockrell arguing that it should go to the committee on claims, and Mr. Hale and Mr. Allison stating that for several years past the committee on appropriations had had jurisdiction of those cases. Finally the matter was

referred to the committee on claim Mr. Stanford, accompanied by his colleague, Mr. Felton, advanced to the clerk's desk and took the eath of office for his new senatorial term, and them introduced several bills, comprising the following: To provide the government with means sufficient to supply the wants of a sound circulating medium; for the extension of the executive mansion; to encourage co-operation in the District of Columbia, and to provide for the forma-tion of associations for the purpose of conducting lawful business and dividing

profits. The house concurrent resolutions for the payment of the December salaries to employes of congress on the S4th instant, and for a holiday recess until Tuesday, Jan. 5, were presented and concurred in.

After a short executive session, and as a mark of respect to the memory of the late representative Ford, of Michigan, whose death during the last recess had been formally communicated from the house, the senate adjourned.

During the executive session the semate confirmed the nomination of Ste-phen B. Elkins to be secretary of war.

Better Salaries Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The announcement of Judge Reed that he will resign because he can't afford to hold the judgeship with such small pay has resulted in the renewed agitation of the question of an increase in the judicial salaries on the ground that they are generally too small. The Washington Post, commenting on Reed's retirement, SRVS:

It is not at all surprising that a successful and ambitious lawyer like Judge Reed, already assured of a large and lucrative practice, should come to the conclusion that he cannot afford to sacrifice all his prospects in life for a salary of \$4,000 a coar Such positions may appear of \$4.000 a year. Such positions may answer for men-to whom official honor is greater than say money consideration, but hold out little inducement to rising lawyers to abandon a profession which is sure to bring them both fortune and distinction.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The president sent to the senate the following nominations of postmasters of Pennsyl vania: Charles H. Rauthauff, Green Castle; Edward Fleister, Jersey Shore; vania: White, Beaver; Willis A. Mitchell, Warren.

A Baron Dies in a Barn.

ALBERT LEA, Minn., Dec. 23.-Oscar, Baron Wedel Yarlsbury, of Christiana, Norway, died in a barn here. He was a young man, and was known here so Oscar Wedel. A few days ago came information of the death of his father and his own succession to the barony. A remittance of \$5,000 accompanied the letter. The new baron at once went on a spree, which ended in his death.

Poison in the Cheese.

RICHLAND CENTRE, Wis., Dec. 231-Five members of the Barry family, who reside here, became suddenly ill after eating some head cheese prepared by Mrs. Barry. Treatment relieved all but two, who are quite ill. A piece of the cheese, on being analyzed, was found to contain arsenic. The matter has been placed in the hands of the district attorney.

No Attempt to Arrest the Woman. Youngstown, O., Dec. 23.—William Haney, who was shot in the head on Sunday night, is lingering between life and death at West Middlesex, with death probable at any time. His pulse and temperature are away up, showing inflammation of the brain. No attempt has been made to arrest the woman who